

## Take a Ride in the East River Ferry Long Island City – Downtown Manhattan



### Background

The East River Ferry is a good way to connect Queens, Manhattan and Brooklyn. Commuters and visitors get to enjoy a scenic ride from any of the seven different stations to their final destination. The East River Ferry has locations in Long Island City, Queens; Williamsburg, Greenpoint, Dumbo, Brooklyn and Midtown and Downtown Manhattan.

This activity first will take you to one of the most amazing and beautiful parks of NYC, Gantry Park, and then take the East River Ferry from Long Island City to Downtown, Manhattan.

### What do you need to know about taking this Sightseeing trip?

Get half hour before your ferry leaves, so you can get to walk in Gantry Park.

Choose your mean of transportation: bike, walk, run, drive or taking the bus or subway.

Buy your Ferry Ticket: The cost is \$ per person

Dress comfy: Bring a sweater, your phone fully charge, a camera, sunglasses and get ready to enjoy some of the best panoramas views of the City.



### How to get here:

**Address:** Hunter Point South, Long Island City

**Transportation:** NYC Subway 7 Train to Jackson Ave and walk to the river



### Step 1

#### Walk Gantry Plaza up to the Pepsi Sign

The Pepsi Sign has been in NYC since 1936, it is owned and maintain by Pepsi Co. Nowadays, it is almost consider a landmark and it is part the iconic site of the NYC Skyline. The 147 foot long sing used to be atop of the Pepsi factory, which closed operations in Queens in 1999. Tips: Take a picture of the sign closest to the river to get a perfect angle.



### Step 2

#### Walk back and enjoy the Manhattan Skyline. Notice the United Nation Building, the Empire State Building, and One World Trade Center.

##### United Nation Building:

The United Nation Building is a blue sky structure that was established as the headquarters of the UN in 1956. Here all the 180 members participate in in international diplomacy. **Tip:** You can take a guide tour of the facilities. All languages are available



##### Empire State Building:

The Empire State Building is one of the iconic landmarks of the City of New York. Build from 1929 to 1931. The 102 stories is an art-deco construction. It offers an observatory in the 86<sup>th</sup> floor and special passes to the 102<sup>nd</sup> observation deck are available as well. **Fun Fact:** It was the tallest building in the world for 40 years with 1,454 feet tall until the twin towers were built.



##### One World Trade Center:

The One World Trade Center is the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere with a symbolic high of 1,776 feet tall. This number makes reference to the year of the independence of the United States. That is why firstly the tower was known as the "Freedom Tower"

The building open to business in August, 2014 and it will open the observatory to the public May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015, in the 102<sup>nd</sup> to the 100<sup>th</sup> floor.



### Welcome Aboard the East River Ferry and Enjoy the Ride

Along this ride you will enjoy a beautiful ride along different neighborhoods, with spectacular views of some of the most recognizable landmarks in NYC. Get your cameras ready, your better smile and your favorite pose to capture some of the most beautiful photos of the skyline.

